All efforts are made by the CBI to finalise the cases at the earliest and also to avoid frivolous prosecution on insufficent evidence to avoid hardship to innocent persons. However, delay in investigations is inevitable in complicated cases due to various reasons like cases having inter State / international ramification, issuances / execution of Letter Rogatory in cases requiring investigation abroad, cases requiring specialised technical assistance or expert opinion and grant of stay orders by superior courts.

Act for disabled and handicapped person

1609. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are sanctioned vacancies in Government of India and its undertakings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is ban on recruitments;

(c) whether Parliament has passed an Act for disabled and handicapped persons in 1997; and

(d) what steps Government wants to take to fulfill the assurance given to handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (d) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides that Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than 3% for persons or class of persons with disability of which 1% each shall be reserved for persons suffering from:

(i) blindness or low vision;

(ii) hearing impairment?

(iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.

Government had issued necessary instructions for implementation of the Act and no instructions imposing ban on recruitment to such posts under the Government of India have been issued. As regards Public Sector units, power to

make appointments against posts which are below Board level, vests with the Board of Directors and the Government has not issued any instructions regarding ban on recruitment to such posts.

List of corrupt persons issued by CVC

†1610. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission have issued a list of some corrupt officers and politicians during the last few days;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has, so far been taken by Government against such corrupt persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Central Vigilance Commission has not issued list of corrupt officers and politicians. The Commission has put on its website, lists of officers of the organised services against whom it has recommended criminal prosecution or major penalty action during the last ten years.

(b) and (c) This Ministry exercises the powers of the Central Government under the relevant Discipline and Appeal Rules, in respect of the officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service and Central Secretariat Service Grade I and above only.

In respect of the 83 cases against IAS officers displayed by the CVC two cases have been closed on the demise of the delinquent officers. Except in ten cases, further necessary action has been taken after obtaining the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission.

Similar information in regard to other services is not maintained centrally.

Vigilance Cases against Bureaucrats

1611. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vigilance cases pending against senior level officers both at the Centre and State;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.